


Remarks/Arguments:

The amendments to Figures 15 were made to include the legend "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance. No new matter is added by this amendment nor are new issues raised. Accordingly, the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and its entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth N. Nigon, Reg. No. 31,549
Attorney(s) for Applicant(s)

KNN/tmb

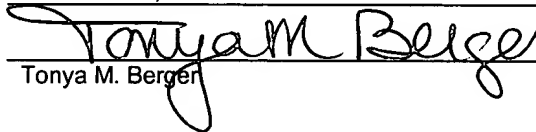
Dated: December 4, 2003

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. **18-0350** of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

December 4, 2003



Tonya M. Berger